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Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to James E. Calhoun, 1860 June 4

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Chesham St. Ch. Dec

My dear Sir

June 4th 1855.

Your letter of the 7th of May is in time to permit me to write only a few lines, ~~not in much need of writing~~ - I had found or found years I have been soliciting a statement of my affairs in your hands. I have requested the information over and over again. My letters on that subject have been passed over with out notice, and on application for funds made ^{in Oct or Nov of 1853} ~~recently~~ since I receive your communication ^{of the 7th inst} which is entirely unsatisfactory - I have been kept in a state of anxiety & suspense. The wants of my family require my constant exertion to give them the necessaries of life, and I will say now with the best intentions, and at every sacrifice I have shewed to benefit your family, I have been engaged, and the which I have received will go with me to the grave -

As to O B and Co I went there & slept on the hard ground with a view to advance the interests of your father & his family. I asked nothing, wanted nothing, yet still since his death the question has been raised in the family as to the money which I took from that source - My advice to the family upon matters which interests them all & my doing, have received no more attention than if I had done nothing. You will excuse me from entering further on subjects lowered by my interests me & lowered important, would be sure to be followed by censure & send no good.

As to your being a good & bad correspondent that is a matter of feeling with which I have nothing to do. But on the subject of business, which you say your life is devoted I will say, that my business and my affairs connected to you could ~~well~~ ought to have received some attention, in accordance with my requests. I have requested a satisfactory statement of my affairs repeated

over and over as a friend of five years. I have been patient
I have forgiven & your last letter makes it appear that my
kind feeling has been mistaken for a lack of comprehension.
My necessities have been urgent for a long time. I have
written this to you - I am mortified & grieve at the consequences,
and the only course left me to pursue was the one which
I followed of requesting my friend Joseph Morn ^{to} Mays
to look into and give me some account of my affairs, for
which for some reason you have carefully abstained from
doing -

My sorrows are great you may pile on woes and
grief, but you can not add much more to the load
I carry. You may however deprive my family of a
father to protect their interests. To myself I expect
nothing but misrepresentation, & I want but little
but with my family the case is different.

Yrs. J. D. Colburn Esq

Very respectfully & affectionately
Thos. J. Clemson

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